

Lauderhill CARES II Program

ABOUT CARES 2

Governor DeSantis authorized \$120 million of Florida's Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) allocation of Florida Housing Finance Corporation (Florida Housing) to assist renter and homeowner households that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. CRF is a portion of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed by Congress and signed into law by the President in March 2020 in response to the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic. This program will provide funding as follows:

Program Descriptions	Totals
Rent, mortgage, homeowner association fees, and utility services – up to \$10,000 per family)	\$256,500

Residents will be able to apply for these programs on August 3, 2020. Applications, procedures, and the eligibility process will be posted on our website and social media sites when approved by Florida Housing. This program will provide funding to assist our residents during this extraordinary time of economic need during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

OVERVIEW

City of Lauderhill is a subrecipient of Coronavirus Relief Funds awarded to the State of Florida. Applications provided by staff are mandated by Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

City of Lauderhill will accept applications from households that have been financially impacted by COVID-19. Mortgage, rental, homeowner association fees, and utility assistance may be provided to eligible households. In addition to the financial assistance, the City will also provide financial counseling services for its residences and businesses.

Assistance will be provided to eligible households on a first-ready, first-served basis and a limited number of applications will be accepted based on funding availability.

Information provided by applicant(s) may be subject to Chapter 119 Florida Statutes, regarding Open Records.

It will take approximately 10 days to process a complete application package. A Grants Division staff member will contact applicants by email or mail should additional information or documentation be needed. Incomplete applications will delay the review process and failure to provide required information and/or documents may result in denial.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Strategy Name: Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program

Summary	Funds will be awarded to mortgage companies, landlords, homeowner association fees, and/or utility service providers of eligible applicant payment for households that have been affected by COVID-19.
Program Allocation	\$256,500
# Applicants	At least 25 Residents
Eligible Households	Very-Low (50%), Low (80%), and Moderate (120%) Area Median Income
Maximum Award	Up to \$10,000.00
Terms	
1. Repayment: Grant	
2. Interest Rate: 0%	
3. Default: N/A	
Eligible Activity	Housing assistance payments on behalf of eligible families to prevent eviction foreclosure, and utility service disconnections.

Recipient Selection Criteria: Applicants will be assisted on a first-qualified, first-served basis.

Additional Information:

1. The dwelling unit must be located in Lauderhill.
2. The property to be assisted must be the primary residence of the homeowner, or must have a current lease signed by all applicable parties if rental.
3. There must be an active rental agreement/lease or mortgage statement in the applicant's name.
4. The applicant must be able to document loss of income as a direct result of COVID-19.
5. The household income must be at or below 120% Area Median Income, prescribe by Florida Housing Finance Corporation.
6. Mortgage Company, landlord, and/or service provider must present a W-9 to City before payment is rendered.
7. Payments will be made directly to the landlord, Mortgage Company, homeowner's association fees, and/or utility service provider, there will be no direct payments to the applicant or household members.
8. Applicants applying for mortgage assistance without an active mortgage are ineligible
9. Applicant must have access to a valid email address
10. Lauderhill employees and their immediate family are ineligible to participate in the CARES 2 Program.
11. Applicants may apply for rental/mortgage assistance, homeowner association fees, and utility bill assistance, concurrently.

12. Applicants may not apply for rental assistance and mortgage assistance, no exceptions.

Supporting Documents:

1. Completed application package
2. CRF Assistance Self-Certification of Income and COVID-related Hardship Form completed by all household members 18 or older.
3. Conflict of Interest Form completed by the applicant and co-applicant ONLY.
4. CFR Duplication of Benefits Agreement with Recipient completed by applicant and co-applicant ONLY.
5. Government issued picture ID for all household members age 18 or older
6. Copy of birth certificate, passport, or naturalization certificate for all household members
7. Valid rental agreement or lease agreement signed by all parties before March 1, 2020
8. W-9 from landlord, mortgage lender, and/or homeowner association fees
9. Copy of the service providers bill and W-9

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